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LCO No. 4181



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TASK FORCES ON HEALTH CARE MATTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2      to study the standardization of emergency code calls in hospitals. Such  
3      study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the  
4      differences in the use of emergency codes in hospitals throughout the  
5      state.
- 6      (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 7      (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 8      (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 9      (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
10     Representatives;
- 11     (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 12     (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of

13 Representatives;

14 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

15 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
16 designee.

17 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
18 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
19 of the General Assembly.

20 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
21 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
22 filled by the appointing authority.

23 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
24 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the two chairpersons of the task  
25 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
26 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
27 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

28 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
29 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee  
30 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
31 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
32 general statutes. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
33 recommendations on whether to standardize emergency code calls in  
34 hospitals throughout the state and how such standardization may be  
35 implemented. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits  
36 such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

37 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
38 study value-based pricing of prescription drugs.

39 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

40 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 41       (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 42       (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
43 Representatives;
- 44       (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 45       (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
46 Representatives;
- 47       (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 48       (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the  
49 commissioner's designee;
- 50       (8) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;  
51 and
- 52       (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
53 designee.
- 54       (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
55 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
56 of the General Assembly.
- 57       (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
58 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
59 filled by the appointing authority.
- 60       (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
61 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the two chairpersons of the task  
62 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
63 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
64 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 65       (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
66 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
67 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

68 general law, insurance and public health, in accordance with the  
69 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
70 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2016,  
71 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a task force on standardization of emergency code calls in hospitals and a task force on value-based pricing of prescription drugs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*